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### Notes and Queries.

#### NOTES.

*An old Manuscript Volume*—We are indebted to the Rev. W. G. Andrews, of Guilford, Connecticut, for the following information with reference to an interesting old manuscript volume:

An old manuscript volume of about one hundred folio pages, bound in parchment, is in the possession of Miss Lucy Scranton, of Madison, Connecticut, formerly the Parish of East Guilford. Its original owner was the Rev. Archibald Cummings, first commissary of the Bishop of London for Pennsylvania. It contains his commission from Bishop Gibson (in Latin), dated December 31, 1728, with other ecclesiastical records, the latest bearing date October 7, 1730. Portions of three leaves only were used in this way. Many years afterwards the volume, having somehow found its way to Norfolk, served for a short time as the orderly-book of a company in the Fifth Virginia regiment at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. It seems to have moved northward with the regiment, perhaps crossing the Delaware with Washington, and at all events reaching New Jersey. Two leaves (apart from some scribbling on the first page) contain all that relates to this portion of its history.

An entry on the second page, dated Newark, March 8, 1777, states that on that day the volume was taken, as his own property, by Sergeant Abraham Scranton, of East Guilford, Connecticut. The family tradition is that it was picked up on a battle-field, and there seems to have been a skirmish near Woodbridge, not a long march from Newark, on the day mentioned. The book remained in Sergeant Scranton's possession, and is now the property of one of his descendants. It is nearly filled with his accounts, which overflowed into the blank spaces on pages used by previous owners. A few venerable documents, one or two of them nearly as old as the Commissary's records, have been pasted over some of the Sergeant's multifarious entries.

The portion of the contents which is of most interest to Virginians is found on the ninth, tenth and eleventh pages. At the top of the ninth page is the word "Chester," with the date to be given below. Then comes the following, in four lines of large, plain script, inclosed in rude scroll-work: "Minor Smith His Orderly Book October the 26, 1776." Outside the scroll-work, on the left, in three lines, we have a series of capital letters: "No. A R L M S W x S." On the right, in four lines: "Andrew Russell Capt in the fift Virginia Regiment From Loudoun County Virginia." The rest of this page, with part of the tenth, is filled with a list of names, presumably those of non-commissioned officers and privates, and perhaps musicians. The first three and last two are separated from the rest by short dashes. For the most part the names are

perfectly legible, and indeed unmistakable; but in a few cases, indicated by an interrogation point, there is some uncertainty. They are arranged in double columns (on page 9), and one name has been erased. The spelling is a little capricious, and now and then a small letter does duty for a capital. The list is reproduced as exactly as possible, without attempting to imitate the hand-writing, which is much plainer than the copyist's.

"Minor. W Smith, William Acker, Thomas Minor, Joseph Hutchison, Richard Hogeland, Rayman Burnum, Allen Crook, David Hariott, Henry Powell, Lowry Gryms, Joseph Lews, (?) Daniel Kidd, Thomas Robins, Thomas Breeden, George fletcher, Willoby Russell, Jeremiah Minkim, John Degmon, James Anderson, Wm. Thomas, Henry Piles, Thomas Rose, John Sorrell, George Noland, John Monroe, Edward Ryon, Kitt fishearman, Wm. Diggin, Daniel king, Samuel Reeder, Jeremiah horseman, Thomas Brown, Henry Browner, Richard fisher, Richard Mc. Lane, Tire (?) Waters, Philip houtershealt, Garrard Ridle, Sam Mellerson, Thomas Mehair, (p. 10) John Madden, Henry Bradley, Wm. Thrift, Jame Clemmons, Elexander Clemons, Robert Macy, (?) John Spang, (?) Wm. Davis, Thomas powell, Wm. Carrell, Arther Mc. Dannel, Phillip McDonnough, T Stace (?) McDanel, John keen, Wm Blackburn."

The first of the doubtful names may have been meant for "Lewis," or, possibly, is "hews." As to the others, I have no alternative reading to suggest.

On the eleventh page is the following:

"*Norfolk, June 10th, 1776*—Parole Lewis. Officer for the Day to morrow Capt. Terrell. The offrs of the gurd are to be perticular in future in instructing The Sentries not to fire at or Stop any Vessell Coming from Portsmouth or to fire at any Vessell with [out] great reason of suspition. The long Role to beat at 5 O'clock this Evengning for a General parade."

These entries are all apparently in the same handwriting, a very good one, though rather stiff, and at times showing marks of haste. It is quite likely that such information as this volumes gives is to be found elsewhere, and its chief interest undoubtedly lies in its curiously diversified history.

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*Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia.*—At the Meeting of the Society of Cincinnati, in the State of Virginia, at the Capitol in the city of Richmond, on Monday, the 13th of December, 1802, in pursuance of an adjournment to that day at the last meeting—Present: James Wood, President; Edward Carrington, Vice-President; Samuel Coleman, Secretary; Churchill Jones, Henry Bowyer, William Bentley, James Williams, John Jameson, Basil Middleton, John B. Scott, Larkin Smith, Clement Carrington, James Wright, Charles Scott, John Trabue, Wil-

liam Mosley, Colin Cocke, John L. Crute, Wm. B. Wallace, John Pryor, Robt. Poterfield, Robt. Gamble, John White, Marks Vandewall, Jno. Watts, M. Carrington, John Stith, Willis Wilson, Jos. Blackwell and Jordan Harris.

The Society, after some observations from several of the members respecting the future disposition of the funds, without coming to any decision, adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

*TUESDAY the 14th of December, 1802.*

The Society met according to adjournment. Present: James Wood, President; Edward Carrington, Vice-President; William Heth, Treasurer; Samuel Coleman, Secretary; Charles Scott, John B. Scott, Jordan Harris, Clement Carrington, James Wright, Marks Vandewall, Larkin Smith, William B. Wallace, John Harris, John Watts, Robt. Poterfield, James Williams, Robert Gamble, Jos. Blackwell, John Stith, Wm. Mosley, John White, Henry Bowyer, Churchill Jones, William Bentley, Willis Wilson, Jno. L. Crute, Basil Middleton, Matthew Clay, Colin Cocke and Geo. Carrington.

On motion, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That a committee of thirteen be appointed to make an appropriation of the funds of the Society to such object as may be agreed upon by the present meeting, subject, however, to confirmation by a majority of the whole members composing the Society at the next general meeting, in person or by proxy, appointed in writing, or by letter to the President; and of which due notice shall be given in the public papers, and by letter from the President.

After some debate on the object of the appropriation, without coming to any specific proposition, the meeting adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

*WEDNESDAY the 15th of December, 1802.*

The Society met according to adjournment. Present: James Wood, President; Edward Carrington, Vice-President; William Heth, Treasurer; Samuel Coleman, Secretary; William Bentley, John L. Crute, Wm. Moseley, Robert Gamble, John B. Scctt, M. Carrington, Larkin Smith, John Pryor, William B. Wallace, Robert Porterfield, Charles Scott, John Harris, Jordan Harris, Joseph Blackwell, George Carrington, John Jameson, Churchill Jones, John Watts, John White, James Wright, James Williams, Willis Wilson, Henry Bowyer, C. Carrington, John Stith, Basil Middleton, Matthew Clay, Colin Cocke and M. Vandewall.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the object of the appropriation of the funds of this Society be the seminary of learning in the county of Rockbridge, denominated the Washington Academy (to which the shares of the James River Company, heretofore vested in our late illustrious leader and

hero, General Washington, have by him been appropriated), subject to such charges of a charitable nature as have been or may be adopted by this Society.

The meeting then proceeded to the appointment of their officers for the ensuing year, when those of the last year were unanimously re-appointed, viz: James Wood, President; Edward Carrington, Vice-President; William Heth, Treasurer, and Samuel Coleman, Secretary.

On motion, the following resolution was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the mode of appropriation of the funds of this Society, by the committee appointed for that purpose, if confirmed as provided by the first resolution, shall be by the purchase of shares of the James River Company and lands within the State of Virginia as may, in their opinion, be most beneficial, and the conveyance thereof to the trustees of the Washington Academy, to be held inalienable for the use of the said Academy; provided, however, that the said committee shall retain a controul over the product of the property purchased so long and to such amount as may be sufficient to meet the objects of charity referred to in the second resolution.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That when the present meeting adjourn, the adjournment be to the second Monday in December next, at the Capitol in the city of Richmond.

The meeting then proceeded to the appointment of their standing committee for the ensuing year, when Robert Gamble, John Pryor, Marks Vandewall and John White, in addition to the officers, were unanimously re-appointed.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That James Wood, Edward Carrington, William Heth, Samuel Coleman, Robert Gamble, Marks Vandevall, John Pryor, John White, Larkin Smith, William Bentley, Churchill Jones, William Mosley and Robert Poterfield be the committee of thirteen designated in the first resolution relative to the appropriation of the funds.

And then the meeting adjourned until the second Monday in December, 1803, then to meet at the Capitol in the city of Richmond.

JAMES WOOD, *President*.

Attest:

SAMUEL COLEMAN, *Secretary*.

In 1803 the Cincinnati Society appropriated their funds, amounting to nearly \$25,000, to Washington College, and in honour of this endowment the "Cincinnati Professorship" was founded. It was the foundation of the present Chair of Mathematics.

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*Exports from the Upper District of James river between the 25th of October, 1763, and the 25th of October, 1764—19,728 hhds. of tobacco. 2 barrels, 16 bags, and 300 wt. of cotton. 174 logs. 12 casks of in-*

digo. 1,071 planks. 30,884 feet of do. 3,000 lock stocks. 566,800 staves. 4 boxes and 2 casks of dry goods. 29,145 bushels of wheat. 500 bushels of potatoes. 14 pipes, 1 hhd. 14 quarter casks and 6 boxes of wine. 19 hhds. and 8 barrels of rum. 1 hhd. and 776 wt. of bees wax. 11,542 bushels of coal. 9,250 hoops. 1,955 bushels and a half of pease. 62,763 bushels of corn. 1,098 barrels of flower. 3 bags of hops. 920 barrels and 1,000 wt. of pork. 80,860 shingles. 8 tierces and 9 barrels of lard. 3 hhds. and 3 barrels of hams. 75 bushels of beans. 3,003 wt. of bacon. 26 doz. handspikes. 103 hhds. of skins. 5 hhds. 6 barrels, and 7 boxes of snakeroot. 800 wt. 10 barrels, and 2 tierces of tallow. 14 boxes of candles. 5 barrels and 1 box of ginseng. 50 tierces of bread. 1,161 barrels of tar. 205 barrels of turpentine. 3 bags of feathers. 5 barrels of rice. 123 tuns of iron. 3,800 heading. 466 bushels of oats. 70 anchor stocks. 25 barrels of fish. 1,200 feet of oars. 14 doz. do. 10 tuns of Mohogany. 2 hhds. 1 bag, and 1 bundle of hemp.

*Exported from the Upper District of James river between the 25th of October, 1764, and the 25th of October, 1765*—20,666 hhds. of tobacco. 531 logs. 19 casks, 1 box, and 50 wt. of indigo. 14 bags and 610 wt. of cotton. 313 planks. 13,341 feet of do. 5,000 lock stocks. 609,334 staves. 5 boxes of goods. 42,326 bushels of wheat. 1 bag of flax seed. 1 barrel and 4 bushels of potatoes. 13 pipes and 6 quarter casks of wine. 18 hhds. 6 barrels, and two tierces of rum. 2 hhds. 4 barrels, and 30 wt. of bees wax. 3,950 hoops. 2,713 bushels of pease. 75,827 bushels of corn. 1,132 barrels of flower. 238 barrels of pork. 259,480 shingles. 21 hams. 5 barrels and 480 wt. of tallow. 1,677 wt. of bacon. 6 barrels of cider. 2 barrels, 2 boxes, and 2 bags of snake-root. 26 dozen handspikes. 9 barrels and a half, 2 kegs, and 200 wt. of lard. 1 box and 82 hhds. of skins. 206 bushels of beans. 21 boxes of candles. 9 hhds. 211 tierces, 65 barrels. and 1,640 wt. of bread. 383 barrels of tar. 52 barrels of turpentine. 35 barrels of pitch. 210 wt. of feathers. 490 tuns and 2,870 pigs of iron. 10 tuns and 2,702 bars of lead. 6 anchor stocks. 28 barrels of fish. 12 barrels of beer. 1 box of seeds. 6 barrels of beef. 13 tuns of lignumvitae. 240 oars. 24 yards and topmasts. 2 hhds. 1 bag, and 1 bundle of hemp. 15,292 bushels of coals.

*Exports from the Upper District of James river between the 25th of October, 1765, and the 25th of October, 1766.*—19,072 hhds. of tobacco. 9 bags and 420 wt. of cotton. 81 logs. 16 casks and 2 boxes of indigo. 780 lock stocks. 9 boxes of dry goods. 8 hhds. of flax seed. 200 bushels of potatoes. 3 pipes of wine. 30,674 bushels of wheat. 13 hhds. and one third of rum. 2,000 wt. of bees wax. 388 bushels of oats. 2,737 bushels of pease. 4,900 bushels of coal. 204,500 shingles. 14 bushels of onions. 392 barrels of pork. 1,305 barrels of flower. 200 hams. 3 tierces of lard. 5 barrels of tallow. 467 bushels of beans.

1,000 wt. of bacon. 3 hhds. 9 barrels, 1 case, and 50 wt. of snakeroot. 110 hhds. of skins. 79,745 feet of plank. 1,011 planks. 20 pieces and 370 feet of mohogany. 2 tuns of hemp. 7 casks of pearl ashes. 117 tierces of bread. 9 hhds. 2 barrels, and 1 bag of ginseng. 1,205 barrels of tar. 36 barrels of pitch. 48 barrels of turpentine. 321 tuns and 680 pigs of iron. 560,459 staves. 3,870 bars and 7 tuns of lead. 48 oars and 400 feet of do. 8 tuns of lignumvitæ. 20,900 bushels of corn. 6 yards and topmasts. 4 tuns of logwood. 612 handspikes.

*Entered in the Upper District of James river January 16, 1767—*Molly, Thomas Pollock, from Liverpool, with European goods.

19. Bowman, Allan Stevenson, from Hull, with 1 passenger, and ballast.

30. Richmond, Henry Minson, from Newport in Rhode Island, with 3 hhds. of rum, 1 hhd. of molosses, 1 tierce of loaf sugar, 1 hhd. of cranberries, and 2 coils of cordage.

Feb. 2. Betsey, John Gillies, from Dunkirk, in ballast.

*Cleared*—Jan. 19, 1767. Anne, Samuel Ayres, for Leghorn, with 5,194 bushels of wheat, and 202 barrels of flower.

31. Thairay. John Lawmont, for Glasgow, with 191 hhds of tobacco, and 7,000 staves.—*Virginia Gazette, February 12, 1767.*

*Ship-building in Virginia in the Eighteenth Century*—TO BE SOLD—A new Ship, of about 236 tuns, well calculated for the Tobacco trade, built of the best seasoned plank and timber, and can be lanced in a little time, if required. Twelve months credit will be allowed for two thirds or three fourths of the value. Any person inclinable to purchase may be shown the vessel by applying to the subscriber, living in Kingston parish, Gloucester county. THOMAS SMITH.  
—*Virginia Gazette, May 7, 1767.*

*To be Sold*—A new ship, now lying at Suffolk wharf, burthen about 350 hogsheads of tobacco, well built with the best white oak timber and plank. The purchaser may have long credit for part of the money. Any person in want may apply to Mr John Driver at Suffolk, or to George Walker, Jun. in Elizabeth City.—*Virginia Gazette, May 7, 1767.*

*Sale of a Musical Slave*—A valuable young handsome Negro fellow, about 18 or 20 years of age, has every qualification of a genteel and sensible servant, and has been in many different parts of the world. He shaves, dresses hair, and plays on the French horn. He lately came from London and has with him two suits of new clothes, and his French horn, which the purchaser may have with him. Inquire at the Printing Office of Mess. Purdie and Dixon.—*Virginia Gazette, August 6, 1767.*